

RESOLUTION NO. 15-401

WHEREAS, the Huntsville City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that the fourth Adams Family Reunion, theme “Keeping the Legacy Alive”- Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever,” will be held on July 2-5, 2015 in Durham, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the planning for the 4th Adams Family Reunion includes Mrs. Bettye Showers, Mrs. Ruby Ford, Ms. Gwendolyn Valentine, Mr. Chris Rice, Mr. Michael Ford, Mrs. Vanessa Ford, and Ms. Felicia Brown, with approximately 75 people attending the Reunion; and,

WHEREAS, some of the activities include a welcome reception at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; Picnic held at Falls Lake State Recreation in Durham, North Carolina; Bus Tour of Durham, North Carolina, including Triangle Park and Downtown Durham; Dinner at Embassy Suites Hotel in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; concluding with a departure breakfast at the Embassy Suites; and,

WHEREAS, Alex and Ruby were married on July 15, 1943. The late Alex Sheppard Adams worked for U.S. Pipe Shop in Chattanooga, Tennessee in his early years, then as a sharecropper in Huntsville and New Market, and retired working for John Blue in Huntsville, Alabama. Ruby Less Petty Adams was a housewife and later worked and retired as a cafeteria employee at Buckhorn High School in New Market, Alabama. Together they were blessed with thirteen children, and four died less than six weeks after birth. They are Sammie Lee and Jessie Lee (twins), Doris Jean, and Vernice. Alex Walter, the third oldest child and oldest son, died on May 22, 2013. The living siblings are Ruby Mae Adams Ford, Bettye Ann Adams Showers, Charlie Lee Adams, Cleven Lee Adams, Rosie Veleta Adams Rice, Linda Faye Adams Jackson, Cornelious Adams and Jerry Wayne Adams; and,

WHEREAS, Alex was the son of Beryl and Betty Graham Adams. He was born September 17, 1922 and died December 18, 2003. Ruby was the daughter of Sammie T. and Ruby Hick Petty. She was born July 24, 1925 and died March 9, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, it is believed that Alex’s father came from Saint Louis, Missouri, riding on a horse. He married Betty Graham from New Market, and there is nothing else known about him, other than he had a sister, Maggie Adams, in Huntsville. He died when Alex was twelve years old. Ruby’s father and mother were from New Market, and her mother’s roots are from Alexander City, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Huntsville are delighted the Adams Family selected Durham, North Carolina to host their 2015 Family Reunion. We want you to know you represent one of the most cherished treasures—traditional family values.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to congratulate The Adams Family on this historical occasion, and wish them continued success in all future endeavors and safe travels home.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of June, 2015.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 11th day of June, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama